Parish of the Good Samaritan

Churches of Christ the King | St Mary of the Assumption | St John the Baptist BURNLEY

Newsletter

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2026 Year A

The servant in the parable in today's Gospel should have been forgiving because he himself had been let off an enormous amount of debt, which should have impacted hugely on his own life. Somehow, he must have missed out on the significance of the experience of being forgiven himself. And because he missed the experience of the huge debt he himself was forgiven he could not forgive his neighbour who owed him a relatively paltry amount.

At the end of the parable, the King calls the unforgiving servant to him and orders him to be handed over to the torturers until the full amount he was owed was paid. The torturers, according to St Thomas Aquinas are the grudges that we hang onto, the ways we plot at seeking revenge when someone has wronged us and we can't let go of them. They are aways at us, and we put energy into entertaining such thoughts, that consume us and in effect torture us.

At the heart of our faith is the Incarnation and the Paschal mystery. The whole rescue plan of God was for the chasm caused by sin to be atoned through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On Monday we will celebrate the feast of the Triumph of the Cross; on the surface, the Cross seems more like a failure than a success. We need to take forgiveness to the Lord in prayer; he receives our prayer and then through that power we can truly forgive others.

If Jesus forgives those who wrong him and then tells us to keep on forgiving others who wrong us, then it is something we need to do. We don't want to be held back in life by grudges and resentment, the Cross frees us from all that. It's something we should do because we have our sins forgiven not just because we should forgive because we are Christian.

Housebound Mass - 26th September

A reminder to all who enjoy coming to the housebound Mass and any new people who would like to attend that the next one is on **Saturday September 26th at 12.15pm in St John's parish hall**. Followed by our usual lunch. Transport can be provided if needed. Contact Maria on 07929256406 or Klaus on 07977913092.

Fun-d-Raising Meeting - A Call to All

The next Fun-d-raising meeting will take place **THIS Tuesday September 15th** at St Marys presbytery at 7pm. We shall review the recent Parish garden party, St Anne's trip, walks etc and then look to the future.... everyone welcome and there's a brew too!

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead: Kevin Cooney, Janice Barber, Christopher Hargreaves, Carol McGeehan, James Corrigan, Seamus McLaughlin, Franca ML Tamburello, Denis Gill,
Anniversaries: Rita Kelly, Margaret Hill, Paula Giltrow-Helm, Ann O'Shea
Other Intentions: In Thanksgiving, Daniel Frazer
Birthday Memoriam: Fr Michael Ryan , Kevin Patrick Nicholls, Margaret Williams,
In Memoriam: Andrew Carroll, Kathleen Worden, James Worden, John Worden, Esther Worden, Francis Carter, Winifred Masure, Michael Carter, Josephine Carter, Jimmy Carter, Stanley Daley, Catherine Carter,

Parish Stroll

The next Parish Stroll, to which all are welcome, will take place on Sunday September 27th gathering on the Thornton Arms (BB10 3JS) lower carpark at 130pm. We'll amble along the side of Rowley Lake, on to Heasandford Lodge, across the New Bridge and then back to the Thornton Arms where they do serve cups of tea! It's about 2.5 miles round trip with a slight down, then a slight up and no doubt the sun will shine!!

CAFOD NEWS – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Today is the day as one of our own runs for CAFOD – James Capstick will be running the Great North Run today with TeamCAFOD and we wish him well. Our thanks go to James for giving his time and effort to raising funds for CAFOD and to all our generous parishioners who have sponsored him. The funds he raises will make a difference to our sisters and brothers in need.

If you have sponsored James and haven't yet paid, please bring your sponsorship money to church and hand it James or one of the parish CAFOD group members. If you haven't sponsored James yet the best way to do so is via his JustGiving page, using the following link, which is the easiest and cheapest method for CAFOD to collect sponsorship:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-capstick-7

Good luck James and God speed!

MEMORY SPACE AND MEMORIAL WALK IN SUPPORT OF MIND

On 8th October Christopher Whittle, a parishioner, is walking from Llandigai to Llas Ogwen on the Lôn Las Ogwen trail. He's walking in memory of his late brother Anthony Whittle who died on 25th November 1994 aged 30yrs. Please support him with sponsorship in aid of mental health charity, Mind. Sponsorship forms are now available at the back of each of each of our three Churches.

Thank You

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September 2026

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it

Holy Communion at Home

If you, or someone you know cannot get to Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please ask their permission, then talk with Fr. David to arrange things.

VOLUNTEERING CAN BE REWARDING AND SAVE THIS VITAL SERVICE

As Catholics we need to have access to Holy Mass, and so to feel part of a caring community. Our ability to do this through the streaming of Sunday Mass is at risk, as our current volunteers move on. The person to save the service could be you

Yes, you

So, we're calling all age-groups: Students Working-Age People Retirees

Everyone can learn to do this vital task even if you're not very 'computer savvy'. We can train you quickly and we'll constantly help you to get and develop the skills which you would need. You would learn to set up and operate the kit to broadcast the Mass at 10.00am on Sundays. It may sound 'too hard' but those who do it now learnt in a few sessions and were competent. The team and written guidance then supported them along the way. **So, yes, you could do it**.

As one of our team will be leaving to train for the priesthood and another is getting married and moving away we're getting to the stage where we may not be able to continue the weekly broadcasts, so please think hard, and **yes, it could be you.**

Please speak with Fr David or call Mike on 07563 998 334 to chat with no commitment. Try it once or twice with no commitment. Even with no IT skills, yes, it could be you.

Please don't let our friends who need you down, because ***yes, it could be you.***

Parish Garden Party Hamper Raffle—Unclaimed Prizes

A few prizes remain unclaimed. The winning tickets are:

Ginger Wine Orange 401 **Jigsaw Puzzle** Orange 446.

Please call Barbara 07713 718 700 or Frank 07930 508 209 to claim your prizes.

Parish Bonus Ball Game

Thanks to all who support the Bonus Ball game in each of the three churches, which will continue each week. Since changes to the National Lottery, **we will use the first of the two draws** as our source for our Bonus Ball. So in the light of the above information, the winning Bonus ball number for Wednesday was number **24.** Congratulations to last week's winners who are as follows:

St John's: ~ Rollover **St Mary's: ~ Cosima** **Christ the King: ~ Gabriel and Benedict**

Please collect your prizes from the appropriate presbytery

Fairness

Act Justly:
Choose what is right even when it is difficult

Be Merciful
Show compassion as God shows compassion to us

Walk with God
Walk in humility following in God's way

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MASSES AND SERVICES : MONDAY 14TH SEPT TO SUNDAY 20TH SEPT 2026

Monday *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
9.30am St Mary's

Tuesday *Our Lady of Sorrows*
9.30am St Mary's 12.00 Noon St John's

Wednesday *Ss Cornelius and Cyprian*
9.30am Christ the King, 7.00pm St John's

Thursday *St Robert Bellamine*
9.30am Mass at St Mary's, **NB One Mass only today**

Friday *Weekday*
12 Noon St Mary's Exposition or Reconciliation 11.30am to 11.55am ,

Saturday *St Theodore of Tarsus*
9.30am St Mary's**,** 10.30 to 11.30 Exposition with Reconciliation at StMary's,
Reconciliation with Exposition John's from 5.15pm to 5.55pm

Vigil Masses
6.00pm: St John's
6.30pm at St Mary's,

Sun 20th Sept: 25th Sunday Ordinary Time
9.15am Christ the King**,** 5pm Mass Christ the King
10am St Mary's *(This Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish website and a recoding available later from Sunday afternoon.)*
10.45am St John's

Stay with us Lord on our Journey

EXPOSITION: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting 30 minutes before the Masses from Monday to Friday. (Except before funerals)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The offertory collection, not including standing orders, from the three churches in the parish for weekend of 5/6 Sept for £1465.72 for which many thanks.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARISH BY STANDING ORDER

You can make your contributions to the parish online by Standing Order; Please contact your bank and inform them that payment should now be made as follows: Name: The Salford Diocesan Trust: The Good Samaritan Parish. Sort Code: 205558 Account number: 50404640

Clergy Team

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